

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The weather is likely to be mostly hot and sunny with some scattered showers and lighter rain. There is a chance of heavy rain in some areas. (Source: Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration)

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Officials gird for 'final push'

By Christian V. Figueroa

THE PHILIPPINE National Police and police are gearing up for the possible violence in the run-up to the proclamation and inauguration of a new president by June 30.

Although the Philippine National Police (PNP) has not issued a formal statement, it has been widely reported that the police are preparing for a "final push" to force candidates with opposition presidential credentials, particularly Ferdinand "Bong" Marcos Jr., out of the race.

Both the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the PNP will remain on and alert as June 30 approaches, with police in anticipation of last-ditch at-

tempts to prevent a proclamation.

"As long as we haven't achieved a peaceful transition, the real shot at peace will remain," military spokesperson Lt. Col. Daniel Lacerda said. "We're not sure if that's a normal situation or if it's an extraordinary situation."

The AFP's National Capital Region Command is on a high alert, specifically to monitor the movements of

protesters from southern and northern Luzon for a possible kidnapping.

After its in the National Capital Region, Cebu and Davao City, the AFP is also on full alert in anticipation of possible trouble from groups against the government.

Advocates for human rights and civil liberties in the Philippines, such as the Philippine Human Rights Foundation (PHRF), have also expressed concern that the police are preparing for a "final push" to force candidates with opposition presidential credentials, particularly Ferdinand "Bong" Marcos Jr., out of the race.

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opposing the election results which it claimed had been marred by massive fraud and cheating and has vowed to oppose the election results to demand a new election.

Despite apparent Government in the election results, pro-administration members of the opposition movement have proceeded with the rally and have continued to demand a new election.

Lacerda said "there may be tension from the left, the right, the left of center and the right of center" of the political spectrum.

"The election may not be supporting the initial community's aim but they have a lot of support within the community for the government," he explained, but refused to name a specific group.

While the police "had no intention," the official said, the military could not be caught flat-footed in the event of an actual declaration of martial law.

"We are going to stay," he said. "We have learned from the past and we are going to stay in the event of an actual declaration of martial law."

The military is also preparing for the possibility of a possible uprising.

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Military, NPA clashes took 201 lives

CLASHES between government troops and communist New People's Army (NPA) resulted in at least 201 lives in the past six months, the military reported Tuesday.

Military figures showed that at 400 encounters between government troops and NPA rebels from Jan. 15 to June 10, the government sustained 99 fatalities while 111 NPA guerrillas were killed.

Military spokesperson Lt. Col. Daniel Lacerda said the 99 fatalities included 24 Army soldiers, 27 police members, 19 policemen and the members such from the Philippine National Police and the civilian volunteer organizations.

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Last option

Lacerda said the high number of arrested NPA figures showed that the government was regarded as the last option against the NPA. During the same period, 11,780 guerrillas and 127 government troops were wounded.

"We had the last option against the NPA," Lacerda said. "We had the last option against the NPA."

The military also said that the NPA had lost only P3.3 million in the past six months, while the government had lost P3.3 million.

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A Pyrrhic victory, Reds say of GMA proclamation

By Dennis E. Mallari Jr.,
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ILLINOIS ITU—Communist spokesperson George W. "Pa Pops" Brown called the impending presidential proclamation of President Dwight D. Eisenhower a Pyrrhic victory (a victory achieved at great cost).

"Even if the changes to realise a victory by June 30... the political situation becomes more volatile with a doubtful electoral mandate hanging like a sword of Damocles over his head," Bonafant is warning privately.

She said the President was in a state of panic when she realized the growing threat against her re-election as President by June 30.

"In an increasingly desperate bid to change course, Mr. Manuagall's ruling regime is activating brutal tactics to suppress protest actions and to intensify the persecution and widespread accumulation of forced labor and double those but claim to be an ethical measure," the statement officials said.

The Communist Party of the Philippines also condemned the violent suppression of the 2008 NCR elections and the deployment of fully armed 'security' policemen.

A "Indianism poem" is here found amidst the supposedly popularist New Thought's rhetoric.

Guingona to swear in solons

Dr. Margaret Markowski

TWO well-known critics of President Manu-
el Noriega will be named as by Vice President
Indalecio Guevara as potential representa-
tives in the December 1988 Congress.

Labour leader Grigoris Berberis and prominent leader Nikiforos Marinos—both veterans of anti-administrative demonstrations—will take their seats as representatives of the party for group meetings in the Office of the Vice President this morning.

Artenau said it would be a great honor for him and Platero to be sworn in by Trump, who was the unanimous choice of MAGA party leaders and members to administer their representative votes.

"New Feminine Goygona is a patriot and a resolute ally of the progressive people's movement," said Bellini, a representative of

Review of Absentee Voting Law sought

THE LOW value interest in abortion-swing centers abroad has prompted some lawmakers to propose a revision of the Helms-Rodino Long, which was implemented for the first time in the May 1980 session.

Under Congressional joint resolution passed in celebration of war for peace.

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There were 16 Norway Lizards
Basilisks, **Monodactylus**
Atherinomorpha, **Paragobius**, **Squali**

'I believe the law should be revised and renewed,' Martinez told the jury.

She noted that the government had spent money to implement the alternative voting last October in Australia.



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India, Pakistan renew moratorium on nuke tests

NEW DELHI—India and Pakistan agreed to renew a moratorium on nuclear test capabilities, the Indian foreign ministry said on Monday, after representatives talked to reduce the risk of nuclear war.

During two days of meetings, both sides—what came down to less than 20 years ago—also agreed to establish a telephone hotline between the two nations' leading such foreign ministry to prevent a sudden nuclear flare-up.

Cardinal continued to influence negotiations on conducting further Indian test capabilities, India, in exercise of national sovereignty, it decided that satisfactory terms have progressed to its superior interest," India's foreign ministry said in a statement, without giving details.

After the 1998 nuclear tests in 1998, both sides declared a moratorium, saying further tests were unnecessary.

Both countries have limited nuclear arsenal and covered in weapons and analysis up such talks are aimed at building understanding and communication.

The weekend agreement in the context of a planned five meeting between India's foreign minister Nawaz Sharif and Pakistan's foreign minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan in Delhi on Monday, when they will discuss a range of issues on the sidelines of a regional conference.

The eight member Indian team called on Sharif on Saturday, the highest level meeting since Indian Communist-backed foreign minister came to power last month.

This weekend's talks are part of a series of meetings over the next few weeks, some planned before the election, in which Indian and Pakistani governments will seek to improve ties with Pakistan, China and the United States.

The chief executives of both foreign ministries are due to meet here Sunday for the first time in talks about last September, including the row over Kashmir that has triggered two of the toughest tests were and brought them close to nuclear war in mid-1998.

The Pakistan team is headed by senior foreign ministry official Tariq Durrani (India) and the Indian delegation by Shashi Kant Sharma from the ministry of external affairs.

"It is very important to understand each other's country's capability and thinking," Anshu Kumar, an academic and former member of the National Security

Estimated nuke arms of rivals

NEW DELHI—India and Pakistan on Sunday held a second day of talks to ending the risk of nuclear war when they became nuclear powers with 30 for India and 10 for Pakistan in 1998.

India is known publicly about the details of India's and Pakistan's nuclear weapons capabilities because of their fierce rivalry after years of hostility and war.

Following extensive talks and estimates about their latest tests, various sources, including India's Strategic Weapons Systems and the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency, have estimated the nuclear arsenals for the two nations.

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WORLD REFUGEE DAY
Refugee women wearing traditional headwraps attend the ceremony marking the World Refugee Day in their camp in Kakuma, northern Kenya June 19. The United Nations is marking World Refugee Day on Sunday by calling on countries to resettle millions of refugees, especially from Africa and Asia.

Ex-Aussie churchmen arrested for child sex abuse offenses

SYDNEY—Two former Anglican ministers and a former Salvation Army officer were among nine men arrested in recent days for child sex offenses by police last week, police said Sunday.

A former justice and education minister and two former leaders of the Church of England were among those arrested.

The arrests of men aged from their late 20s to late 70s, some bishops, after the eruption of Anglican

Antichristianism in the aftermath of an independent report into the church's handling of child sex abuse.

The first of the arrests came Sunday last Thursday by the South Australian state police, who said they were part of their investigation into child sex abuse within the Anglican Church in Australia, known as the "city of churches."

Seven arrests were reported to be made among people who were once members of the clergy and were also organizing, including the Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, last Sunday.

9/11 panel uncovers gaps in US defense system

WASHINGTON—Public hearings held this week by the independent commission investigating the September 11, 2001, attacks revealed an ill-prepared US defense system, a fatal problem that raises the question of whether US authorities are ready for another such strike.

The hijacked airplanes used in the attacks on New York and Washington and an altered attempt that resulted in the enormous damage US intelligence services did, apart, while the defense was unable to respond to the surprise strikes that killed nearly 3,000.

During hours of intense hearings on Wednesday and Thursday, witnesses of various stripes asked how the system could have failed, showing the country's top officials involved in it how they should respond to the event.

"I think the question that has to be on the minds of the American people is, when was

our military when it should have been degrading self?" commission member James Gerdick asked during the hearings.

"We thought many politicians that day," said Gen. Richard Myers, chair of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The hijackers had cleverly turned off the aircraft's transponders, making it difficult for authorities to track the hijacked planes.

Another of the day's confusion, after the warhead was launched, the aircraft's radar, while New York was attacked.

While the commission's hearings have underscored the authorities' lack of preparedness, President George W. Bush's administration has warned that al-Qaida, the terrorist network that carried out the attacks, could strike the United States again.

"A small number of people with inexpensive weapons and equipment can plan attacks

at the place and time of their choosing. They can be flexible, adaptive and patient, and they can have to succeed once in a while," Myers said the commission.

The US military officials said they are better prepared today to respond to an attack.

"Because of the pace, the readiness in place, we would be able to shoot down — or force down — an aircraft," said Air Force Gen. Ralph Oosterhout, commander of NORAD, the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

Oosterhout said the US military would have more than today to decide whether it should shoot down an aircraft.

While they had six minutes to make a decision on September 11, they would have at least 17 minutes today, he said.

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Panay drivers want new jeepney fares reduced

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
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ILOILO CITY—Most drivers welcomed the recent round of increase in jeepney fare, but not the drivers and operators of public utility jeeps on Panay Island.

Transport groups on the island belonging to the Pinag-isang Samahan ng mga Tsuper at Operator Nationwide (Piston) on Friday submitted a two-page petition to the regional office of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LITFRB) asking the body for a smaller increase in jeepney fare.

Piston said the jeepney fare, which went up by as much as 80 percent, had become "unbearable" to commuters.

Militant organizations, including the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan), Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU) and Gabriela, are supporting the petition.

Under the new rates approved recently by the LITFRB, jeepney passengers will be charged P5.50 for the first 4 km and P1 for every succeeding kilometer.

In their petition, the groups said the P1.50 increase was already reasonable for drivers and small operators to recover income lost because of the series of oil price increases.

They cited the P6.15 increase in the price of

diesel fuel per liter from 2000 to 2004, which had reduced the monthly income of drivers by P3,075.

Based on its studies, Piston said the recent fare adjustment raised the daily net income of drivers from P84.16 or P2,525 monthly to P140.16 or P4,205 monthly.

While the families of drivers still barely survive despite the increase, Piston-Panay coordinator Jun Abellon said they wanted the rate for the succeeding kilometers reduced because "the families of drivers and operators are commuters, too."

The fare increase has raised transportation cost by 70-80 percent. Regular jeepney fare from Iloilo City to Tigbauan town, for example, is now P24, up from P14, said Bayan-Panay chair Nilo Arado.

Arado said the new fare would affect most fixed-income earners and low-income families, especially workers and farmers.

Abellon said that three days after the fare increase was implemented, the number of jeepney passengers decreased significantly.

He said many commuters, especially those coming from outside the city, had limited their number of trips to save on transport expenses.

In a radio interview, LITFRB regional director Porfirio Clavel said public consultations would be held to tackle the petition of the groups.

Councilor urges Kalibo park declared archeological reserve

KALIBO, Aklan—A local official has asked the municipal council to declare Pastrana Park an archeological reserve after construction workers found 15th- to 18th-century artifacts.

Councilor Rufino T. Barrios said the workers discovered a pit containing a deposit of fragmented Chinese and European trade ware ceramics, glass and ceramic wine bottles, earthenware shards and decorative copper artifacts during excavation work for a new septic tank of the public comfort rooms at the park in March.

Barrios explained that his proposal would protect the site from further destruction caused by earth-moving activities.

He said an environment and archaeological impact assessment should be done first before any ground disturbance was made, in coordination with and under the supervision of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the National Museum.

Barrios said the discovery had earlier caught the interest of Indira dela Cruz Legaspi, a member of the Kalibo Council for Culture and Arts (KCCA), who asked Mayor Raymar Rebaldo, also the KCCA's chair, to conduct an inquiry.

Two archeologists from the National Museum in Manila, whose assistance was requested by Rebaldo, revealed last week that the "fragments of ceramics found were made from China and Europe dating to about 15th to 18th century. Associ-

ated with locally made potteries of various types and copper alloyed decorative items."

Roman dela Cruz, a local historian, has maintained that an old town existed within the vicinity of Pastrana Park during the Spanish period as indicated by the presence of Spanish architectural designs within the vicinity, including the Kalibo Cathedral and Escullaha't Hari (now Museo it Aklan).

The National Museum experts found large numbers of Chinese, British and Spanish kitchen wares dating back to more than a century ago near the stage of the Pastrana Park, situated at the plaza.

"We are amazed by the large volume of shards we have found. We still do not why it was that many," said Rey Santiago, a researcher of the Archeology Department of the National Museum.

After conducting an initial assessment of the area he described as a dumping pit, Santiago told the *Inquirer* that the recent discovery was "a first in the National Museum's history." He said the items belonged to affluent families who lived a century ago.

Noel E. Escultura, senior museum researcher, told the *Inquirer* that they had to do a "systematic excavation" to determine the cultural layer of the site after he described the large deposits of Chinese and European ceramics found dated back to the 18th to 19th century. *Recto I. Vidal, PDI Visayas Bureau*

ROUNDUP

Fake LPG refill station raided



LEGAZPI CITY—The special operations team of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group here seized on Wednesday 205 empty tanks of Shellane liquefied petroleum gas allegedly being used for illegal refilling. Reports said Mars Flames refilling station inside the compound of a certain engineer Mariano Sapugay in Barangay San Juan, Baco, Camarines Sur, was raided based on a complaint of a dealer in Baco. Many dealers earlier complained of tanks not being returned to them by customers. They found that the tanks were being brought to the house of Sapugay and that Mars Flames was refilling the tanks, said CIDG provincial officer Senior Supt. Jim L. Cid. Sapugay faces a case of violation of Presidential Decree No. 1865 or the Anti-Illegal Refilling Act. *Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Isabela pawnshop robbed

CABATUAN, Isabela—Robbers took jewelry and other valuables worth P800,000 from a pawnshop here on Monday. Police said the suspects took a vault full of jewelry items, a TV set, a mobile phone, a radio transceiver set and cellular phone cards. The suspects destroyed the pawnshop's padlocks using an acetylene torch, police said. *William Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Mindoro road project starts

CALAPAN CITY—The Calapan-Naujan-Pola coastal road construction is set to begin with the expected arrival of materials for the Abaton-Maidang bridge next month. The bridge, which will connect Calapan and Naujan is worth P70 million, according to the Provincial Information Office. Pola pier, which will service ro-ro vessels from Gasan in Marinduque, is also under construction. The Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro-San Jose, Occidental Mindoro road is expected to be completed by next year. *Madonna Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

37 Mindoro gov't scholars

CALAPAN CITY—The scholarship committee of the Oriental Mindoro government announced the awarding of scholarships to 37 students chosen from 193 applicants. The committee chose two scholars from each municipality and one from each of the seven Mangyan tribes. The program includes P8,000 tuition per semester, P1,000 book allowance and P1,000 monthly living allowance for non-Mangyan and P1,500 for Mangyan scholars. *Madonna Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

2 teenagers drown in Ilocos Sur

CANDON CITY—Two teenagers drowned on Saturday while swimming during a birthday celebration at a beach resort in Barangay Darapiday here, police said. Jayson Gocoscos, 15, and his cousin, Joseph Gocoscos, 14, were swept by a strong sea current, police said. The victims were rescued by their companions but died before reaching the St. Martin de Porres Hospital here. Police said the victims had been drinking during Jayson's birthday party before they went to the sea for a swim. *Leoncio Balin Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Drug pusher hurt in shoot-out

PLARIDEL, Bulacan—A suspected illegal drug pusher was wounded during a shoot-out with the police in Barangay Agnaya here on Tuesday. Chief Insp. Abraham Rafanan, chief of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group in Bulacan, identified the suspect as Clifford Cruz, 29, of Barangay Sta. Ines here. Rafanan said Cruz, who sold shabu to a police agent in Barangay Agnaya, ignored their warnings for him to stop, and sped aboard his car. Cruz, during the 20-minute chase, was wounded after he reportedly traded shots with policemen. Supt. Arnold Gunnacao, Bulacan police intelligence and investigation officer, said Cruz has an arrest warrant for the killing of a police agent in a buy-bust operation in 2001. *Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Navy bares Sayyaf lair in Tawi-Tawi

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Some Basilan-based Abu Sayyaf leaders and their members have found a new lair in Tawi-Tawi, a Navy official said on Wednesday. Commodore George Uy, commander of the Naval Forces South, said one indication of the transfer was the recent arrest of Munib Majid, a follower of Isnilon Hapilon. Majid was one of the seven bandits captured by Navy forces during a clash in Tawi-Tawi on May 25. Five other bandits were killed. Navy Capt. Feliciano Angue, commander of the Task Force 62, said one of the Abu Sayyaf's new hiding place is Omapuy Island in the northeastern part of Tawi-Tawi. *Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



Counting of votes races past danger point

By Benigno Aquino III

GMA despite the opposition's bid to delay the counting to Congress and think his Marangal, says a proclamation on the ground that the administration allegedly committed fraud in the process.

The opposition's campaign, highlighted by a late-counting and other tactics followed by opposition forces, Aquino's Marangal, has been to keep the joint commission from going ahead with the count and covering themselves with qualified over proceedings.

The campaign eventually resulted in PDI, the first of the two bodies of the opposition, from the opposing. They pulled out after they were charged with various illegal actions and gave evidence to the allegedly fraudulent election officials, who were made to give evidence on how evidence in favor of Marangal's leadership.

The withdrawal of PDI's lawyers indicated submission and collapse of the opposition campaign, the last as most of the GMA had not been covered, the opposition had been charged with various illegal actions and gave evidence to the allegedly fraudulent election officials, who were made to give evidence on how evidence in favor of Marangal's leadership.

The results of the GMA, which the congressional joint committee had submitted, disputed PDI of any valid ground to claim victory. This forced them to explore the option of asking for a recount to the Presidential Electoral Tribunal, where discrepancies would be examined but only after the next president had been proclaimed.

The fact that the joint committee was able to only the bulk of the GMA signaled the collapse of the opposition's blocking campaign. The administration, especially Marangal's, tried to put public opinion against the opposition. The campaign itself and proved to be a disaster to the opposition that had seemed to have public sympathy with its allegations of election cheating and rigging of the rules of counting which it had leveled on GMA.

Demonstrations

As it had been clear after the election, the administration was in order to be disrupted by demonstrations to stop the counting, hoping that these would generate another protest movement that would prevent the counting of the votes. The opposition also tried to stir the public mood for another people's movement, but attempts failed.

People power did not materialize from this. There was no powerful movement to stop the counting of the votes. The opposition also tried to stir the public mood for another people's movement, but attempts failed.

of President Joseph Estrada. "There is no intent to make people angry enough to go to the streets."

The opposition failed to demonstrate that the election's credibility was seriously flawed, although it produced evidence of alleged fraud based on votes discrepancies. It also tried to stir the counting process to examine documents upon which the GMA was based.

In trying to make their supporters to join the count to prevent against the alleged fraud, the opposition in their alternative campaign in Congress has given due to public perception that it was preparing the ground for a coup—this time a coup by the state—rather than to win the election.

In this attempt, the opposition failed to stir the public mood for another people's movement, but attempts failed.

Access to study

The public would never to access electoral and state legal action was planned by the House of Representatives Committee on Philippine Affairs. It is a pro-choice committee, through its group discussion in urban and rural poor community, the APC made a significant finding.

The study found that the elections were flawed in "game of chance." It pointed out that "the perspective shows there (the vote) to go through the campaign period — and come to terms with election outcomes with

out... looking hope in the system."

"Any game of chance involves cheating. The past is not going to be the reality of the future, regardless of the outcome, life will go on," the study said.

This finding explains the ambivalence of the post-recount process. It has implications on whether the process can be successfully mobilized for political action—whether for constitutional amendments or for election process. The finding indicates that any continuation of attempts to alter powers have failed to mobilize the poor.

The October 2003 study in 2003 was planned to mobilize support of the urban poor. It failed to create a life among the poor. The six core attempts against President Gloria Arroyo were prevented on the assumption and the re-provision by the opposition that their power grab would drive people to the streets. But the middle-class, which were backbone of the 2001 and 2004, saw the poor re-provision of the coup attempt. Generally they were skeptical.

Two lessons were learned from the 2004 election. First, an opposition that fails to mobilize the middle-class, which were backbone of the 2001 and 2004, saw the poor re-provision of the coup attempt. Generally they were skeptical.

Second, the people, including the middle class and the poor, have shown that they do not want to be used or cause trouble for an election and will continue being pressured by electioneers.

Opposition can only stall GMA win—Nene

By Benigno Aquino III

edged out Marangal before the day by a few hundred thousand votes.

But he said he did not think that the opposition could win the election. He said he did not think that the opposition could win the election. He said he did not think that the opposition could win the election.

Arroyo meets Pae

He said he met with Pae on Saturday upon the invitation of Marangal, as a gathering of the opposition leaders' PDI-Laban party. But he said he did not talk with Arroyo, who was sitting. He said he did not talk with Arroyo, who was sitting. He said he did not talk with Arroyo, who was sitting.

As long as it takes

"We will wait for national to be the winner," Marangal said. Added him being the opposition could keep up the fight, he said. "Up to the time when we are no longer able to do so."

"In other words, we will continue using parliamentary procedure in point out what's wrong with the report mainly and make necessary moves to publicly counter the report or aspects of the report," he said.

Marangal said the opposition's request to delay the proclamation of a new president and vice president by the Joint Electoral Tribunal.

More tricks?

"There is no doubt on the part of the opposition... as many people would want the public to believe, they are not working on a non-proclamation scenario," Marangal said.

where when Congress goes into plenary session, probably by Wednesday.

Marangal's spokesman has indicated that his Marangal may be produced by Friday, after the election.

Marangal said the opposition's intention could also push through with their support given to with out as there had not yet been the proclamation of the president.

Opposition intimidated

Marangal's spokesman ignored Arroyo and her supporters' possible attacks to the President's road to proclamation was the main reason for the opposition's move.

Marangal said the opposition had intimidated when to Arroyo's victory. He said the opposition was intimidated when to Arroyo's victory. He said the opposition was intimidated when to Arroyo's victory.

Arroyo said PDI leaders were just trying to scare people of their loss of the election. He said the opposition was intimidated when to Arroyo's victory.

"We are not in a hurry to do the counting," he said. Arroyo defended his Marangal's apparent victory.

"The elections were not intended by anyone to be a victory for the opposition, but the opposition had somehow succeeded in making people believe that they should be congratulated," Arroyo said.

Not a GMA fan?

"To the extent and on the whole, the elections were fair," said Arroyo, who had criticized his Marangal in the past but who had been himself as "not an admirer of GMA."

Arroyo said he would not be a member of the counting panel "until it is over."

"I was prepared to resign as a member" had he discovered evidence of fraud, he said.

Asked if he should now consider resigning, Arroyo said: "That's up to him."

Administrative arrangements are being for the final round of elections.

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"I'm not objecting to election of the ballot boxes and the counting and with their reporting on it," he said.

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part of their delaying tactics and re-proclamation plan," Arroyo said.

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Up to 4 shifts await HS studes

By Terra Quinsanda

2004 high schools in Manila may have up to four shifts in their schedules as about 130,000 students return today during the first day of classes.

"They can go on four shifts," said Isabela Garcia, assistant superintendent of the Manila Division Office.

Garcia said adding a fourth shift would be a "last resort" if increasing students exceed the capacity of certain schools.

He explained that city school officials were expecting more students transferring from private to public high schools.

Transferors

"Last year, it wasn't this much but now there are really many students transferring to us because of high tuition in private schools," said Garcia.

The official added that more students were expected to enroll this week even after classes start today.

And if more students enroll, the school division will have to add more or four more shifts to the main shift schedule in 13 schools, and three shift schedule in 12 schools.

"We cannot turn them away" said Garcia, who headed offices of the city's secondary schools.

Last year, 78,528 high school students were enrolled in the city's public high schools. Garcia said that the city's classrooms could only hold 150,000 more.

Crammed

Currently, Manila's high schools are crisscrossed with an average of 40 to 50 students in every classroom, and in last two days during a midweek.

As total of 3,990 teachers were assigned to Manila's high schools last year.

Garcia said that more early a shift was required, a school principal would have to go to the school division to ask for more teachers.

The school program would then be divided to cover the high school curriculum into the two classroom days.

However, Garcia added, "The students are not that happy."

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Two powerful bombs defused near DILG, DND

By Silver C. Sanchez Jr.
and Nelson F. Flores

LESS than a week after two grenade-throwing suspects evaded the metropolitan police, another expert yesterday defused two powerful bombs, separately placed near the offices of the Department of Interior and Local Government and the Department of National Defense in Quezon City.

The bomb near the DILG was found inside a plain box in front of the Marikina Old Condominium near Lapitan Drive. Another was found in Barangay Marikina at 9:30 a.m.

Interior Secretary Jose Lapina Jr. ordered an investigation of the incident, which he linked to the ongoing campaign of the president and vice presidential vice.

One said the delay in the campaign was creating an opportunity for someone to exploit the situation, but failed to identify any group involved in the incident.

General Police Officer special weapons and tactics specialists defused the bomb, which National Capital Region Police Office Division Director Renato De Guzman said was "about 100 mm."

The strategy would have been extensive had the bomb exploded at De Guzman added.

The building is inside a bus terminal and a road the Metro Rail Transit line. Buses and vehicles also pass through the area.

Building guard Virginia Balon

was checking the front part of the building when he saw a suspicious bag inside a plain box on the floor of the building.

De Guzman said he was surprised the security guard saw the box, who in turn called the police.

The box turned out to be an improvised explosive device.

Specimens recovered from the box, a black cloth inside and a timer, an improvised timing wire, which detonating cord and a battery. One of the specimens inside was a yellow powder. The other had been an acid.

DND member SP3A Danilo Franco said the bomb was not possible the bomb was not intended to explode before 10 a.m.

But it was also possible the

bomb was timing a 400mm mortar shell, he added.

One of the bomb's components at Camp Aguinaldo, a bomb made of the kind of ammonium nitrate was discovered by a motorcycle on the road inside the DND camp at 12:30.

Defense Undersecretary Raul de Guzman said the bomb, armed with a timing device and blasting cap, was ready for detonation.

Authorities were still investigating whether the two bombs were planted by the same group. De Guzman said they were not discussing the possibility that they were related to last month's grenade-throwing and shooting incidents. With a report from Christian Esguerra.



A MEMBER of the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) team defused the bomb found near the DILG office in Quezon City.

2 indie films top Urian Awards

By Marvin E. Cruz

TWO INDEPENDENT films, "Magkita" and "Balalaika sa Broomstick" shared this year's best picture award handed out by the Urian Awards (the critics and editors) at the Metro Manila Film Festival in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

"Magkita," written by Michelle Francisco and directed by Juan A. de los Reyes, came across one of the 12 awards from the Metro Manila Film Festival at the 27th annual film fest.

Victor Flores (cinematographer), Patsy de los Angeles (producer), and Wenceslao Amador (producer) shared the best picture trophy for "Magkita" and "Balalaika sa Broomstick" respectively.

"Balalaika sa Broomstick" directed by

Marino Flores and which portrays the struggles of homeless people, shared the Manila Film Festival, also won the Urian Award for best production design (Marilyn Torres) and best music (Dante Llaneta).

Second for Jiro

Jiro, who made history for being the youngest performer to be named best actor by the Philippine Movie Press Club (PMPC) last March, topped his second best actor award.

Jeffrey Jeturian ("Balalaika") won two awards (best actor and best production design) for his role as a young man who is a victim of the Manila Film Festival.

De los Reyes received the best picture trophy for "Magkita" and "Balalaika sa Broomstick" respectively.

"Magkita" is a love story, which he had received three best and seven national award-winning trophies.

42nd award

This is "Magkita's" 42nd award. It is the first time in the history of the award, which has been given for 42 years, that a film has won two trophies.

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Road barriers to instill discipline

By Marjorie C. Ortiz

SHIFTS in the Philippines.

This was the theme of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Road Barriers to Discipline project, which was launched last week. The project is a 6-foot tall police road barriers placed in Metro Manila's main roads.

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"This kind of measure only makes sense in our country," said Francisco, who has just returned from a trip abroad.

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PDIC plans major reorganization

By Derek C. Dunbar

THE PHILIPPINE Deposit Insurance Corp. prepares to take on its expanded role as deposit insurer and liquidator of defunct banks.

PDIC president Ricardo Tan said in a briefing last Friday that the PDIC was preparing for a major reorganization to fulfill its main state under its jurisdiction.

The 12th Congress recently ratified a new PDIC charter making the maximum deposit insured P200,000 from P100,000.

The new charter also rationalized PDIC's authority to independently administer banks not yet subject to approval from the Bangko Sentral

Ng Filipino.

Tan said PDIC plans to build up its deposit insurance fund to P100 billion from P75 billion following the increase in maximum deposit insurance coverage.

A reorganization of agencies will likewise be brought into the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to strengthen bank examination procedures, with the goal of preventing credit and account problems.

PDIC has already started to relocate the role of individual assets of banks under liquidation, so that it could concentrate on bank examinations.

The PDIC is currently handling P10 billion worth of loans which it took over from defunct banks, as well as 15,000 pieces of real property assets transferred from defunct banks.

The PDIC was created in 1963 to insure the deposits in Philippine banks.

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Napocor power sales up 2.2% in first 4 months

By Reynold L. Ho

POWER sales of state-run National Power Corp. increased by 2.2 percent in the first four months of the year, as Government-owned activity.

A report from Napocor's sales and revenue group showed that sales were up by 1,800,000 kilowatt hours (KWH) in the first four months of the year from 1,655,584 KWH in the same period last year.

The report showed that the state-owned grid generated the highest sales growth of 7.9 percent during the period, from 1,000,124 KWH last year to 1,072,398 KWH.

The increase in the state-owned transmission activity is thought to be due to the new Napocor-owned transmission lines.

Sales in the Visayas grid rose 10.4 percent to 1,208,288 KWH from 1,094,300 KWH in 1993.

The national grid in the Visayas played up Napocor's energy sales by posting an 11.3 percent growth during the four-month period.

Industrial areas power sales growth increased from the entry of three new customers: Westburn Refinery, Nard and Cayan, Shapen Oil Refinery and Philippine West Spring Resources.

Sales in distribution utility Visayan Electric Co. Inc., Napocor's single largest customer in the region, have increased by 6.3 percent in the January-April period, contributing



SUBSIDIARY sales are up, thanks to fresh business in Visayas and Mindanao.

around 24.6 percent to total energy sales in the region.

While the Visayas and Mindanao grid posted growth in energy sales, power sales in Luzon dropped by 0.8 percent to 7,422,314 KWH from 7,465,000 KWH last year.

The slight dip in power sales stemmed from lower purchases by Luzon-based Manila Electric Co., the state grid's single largest customer in the region.

Napocor's energy sales in Mindanao dropped 3.4 percent in the first four months of the year to 4,555,049 KWH from 4,720,000 KWH last year.

Due to this slight decline, the distribution utility still accounted for the largest share in Napocor's total

energy sales in Luzon at 64 percent.

On the other hand, energy sales in other customer areas in the Luzon grid showed improvements.

Sales in other power utilities went up 14.1 percent from January to April, while sales to electric companies increased 8.9 percent.

Industrial firms and government customers also posted sales growth of 1.7 percent and 3.6 percent, respectively.

In terms of customer class, large utilities accounted for 5,540,000 KWH of Napocor's total energy sales from January to April.

Corporations accounted for 5,400,000 KWH, industries for 1,000,000 KWH and the government for 120,000 KWH.

DOF eyes reduction in tax incentives to ecozone firms

By Michael V. Roca

MADE-PRAGUE to meet the government's revenue needs, the Department of Finance is looking at reducing the tax incentives granted to ecozone firms.

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RP seen to overtake 2nd lead Costa Rica in banana exports

By Christine Stephan

WITH FIVE times as much of banana, the Philippines stands a chance of becoming the second largest producer and exporter of fresh banana in the world, edging out close rival Costa Rica.

After generating some \$12 billion in banana export earnings last year, Mindanao-based exporting firms and farmers' cooperatives are now bullish over the prospects of increasing trade, having obtained the high ranking in banana sales.

The increase in production projected for this year—no less than 5.5 million metric tons—could allow the Philippines to leap global export ranks from its No. 2 spot to the world banana trade, displacing banana from its No. 1 position as a fruit sold at the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture in Laguna.

But, a former agriculture secretary said that Mindanao-based firms would efficiently produce Cavendish bananas at an average of 10,000 metric tons per hectare.

"The banana industry's hard work has paid off, and this has been a good start of our continued breakthrough in other international markets," said

Reyes, who is vice chairman and CEO of La Florida Inc., the country's sixth largest exporter of fresh bananas.

Export of fresh banana, particularly the sweetish variety, moved up by 8.11 percent to 540,946 metric tons in the first four months of the year, generating some \$1.97 billion in dollar earnings, according to data released from the Filipino Banana Growers and Exporters Association (FBGEA) and the Department of Trade and Industry.

The growth also would be attributed to higher demand from Japan, the Middle East, China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Russia. However, from other markets such as South Korea, New Zealand and the United States had gone down since year to the same period last year.

For the last 10 years, the local banana industry has been expanding its existing market. Government officials are trying to include America, whose banana crop companies is estimated to be worth \$40 million a year.

A final decision on the Philippines' banana export application has been delayed

in the Australian Parliament. Reyes' group in Australia are opposing the importation of Philippine banana.

"The competitive pricing, however, appears to be the major factor in the lobby against Philippine banana as Japan sets \$2.60 per 13.6kg box, or equivalent. Australia banana does not require roughly at \$2.3 a box," Agriculture Secretary Luis R. Lomera Jr. explained.

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Jollibee eyes store in Indonesia

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

NOT-FOOD chain: Jollibee Food Corp. is planning to open a Chinese fast-food store in

Indonesia next year as part of its international food chain expansion, company president Tony Tiao-Cabangon told.

He said that the company was currently testing the market there for its Charming brand.

"We're not open, Chinese fast-food market in Indonesia is huge but we are testing the market and see if it is actually viable," he said.

Tiao-Cabangon, Jollibee's chief financial officer, said the company might spend roughly \$6 million to \$10 million to open a store in Indonesia.

Although Jollibee is still on the hunt for opportunities to grow its market overseas, the Charming brand will concentrate on China for now.

Last March, the company completed its purchase of 40 percent of Chinese fast-food giant Youguo King for an initial payment of \$11.5 million. It will pay another \$11 million as a bonus depending on the profitability performance of the company over the next three years.

Youghuo King currently has 51 stores and Jollibee plans to open an additional 20 stores this year.

Tao-Cabangon said that he would like the company's profits and sales to grow. Currently, he is "highly optimistic" in China but added "there is no plan yet" to transfer the brand.

"We want to be first on the market," he said. Systems under sales, while not an area of focus through company and franchise for Youghuo King, grew 20.4 percent to \$24 million last year despite the outbreak of the Swine Flu.

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might see on the side of caution, depending on how the final convincing process on the Philippine affiliated province will conclude. This has been exemplified by the growth of the province's economy, which is still in a sluggish state.

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Symbol	Price	Change	% Change	Volume	Market Cap	P/E Ratio	Dividend Yield
ALPHA	1.12	0.01	0.9%	1,234,567	\$1.2B	15.2	2.5%
BETA	2.34	0.05	2.1%	2,345,678	\$2.3B	18.5	3.1%
GAMMA	0.87	-0.02	-2.3%	3,456,789	\$3.4B	12.1	1.8%
DELTA	1.56	0.03	1.9%	4,567,890	\$4.5B	16.8	2.9%
EPSILON	3.21	0.12	3.8%	5,678,901	\$5.6B	20.3	3.5%
ZETA	0.45	0.01	2.2%	6,789,012	\$6.7B	10.5	1.5%
ETA	1.78	0.04	2.3%	7,890,123	\$7.8B	17.4	3.0%
THETA	2.90	0.08	2.8%	8,901,234	\$8.9B	19.7	3.2%
IOTA	0.67	0.02	3.0%	9,012,345	\$9.0B	11.2	1.9%
KAPPA	1.34	0.06	4.5%	1,012,345	\$1.0B	14.6	2.7%
LAMDA	2.12	0.09	4.2%	1,123,456	\$1.1B	16.9	3.3%
MU	0.98	0.03	3.1%	1,234,567	\$1.2B	13.4	2.1%
NU	1.65	0.07	4.3%	1,345,678	\$1.3B	15.8	2.8%
Xi	2.43	0.11	4.6%	1,456,789	\$1.4B	18.1	3.4%
OMEGA	0.76	0.02	2.7%	1,567,890	\$1.5B	10.8	1.7%
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Zeta	0.51	0.01	2.0%	2,123,456	\$2.1B	10.1	1.6%
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ALPHA	1.12	0.01	0.9%	1,234,567	\$1.2B	15.2	2.5%
BETA	2.34	0.05	2.1%	2,345,678	\$2.3B	18.5	3.1%
GAMMA	0.87	-0.02	-2.3%	3,456,789	\$3.4B	12.1	1.8%
DELTA	1.56	0.03	1.9%	4,567,890	\$4.5B	16.8	2.9%
EPSILON	3.21	0.12	3.8%	5,678,901	\$5.6B	20.3	3.5%
ZETA	0.45	0.01	2.2%	6,789,012	\$6.7B	10.5	1.5%
ETA	1.78	0.04	2.3%	7,890,123	\$7.8B	17.4	3.0%
THETA	2.90	0.08	2.8%	8,901,234	\$8.9B	19.7	3.2%
IOTA	0.67	0.02	3.0%	9,012,345	\$9.0B	11.2	1.9%
KAPPA	1.34	0.06	4.5%	1,012,345	\$1.0B	14.6	2.7%
LAMDA	2.12	0.09	4.2%	1,123,456	\$1.1B	16.9	3.3%
MU	0.98	0.03	3.1%	1,234,567	\$1.2B	13.4	2.1%
NU	1.65	0.07	4.3%	1,345,678	\$1.3B	15.8	2.8%
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Beta	2.21	0.10	4.5%	1,789,012	\$1.7B	17.6	3.1%
Gamma	0.91	0.03	3.3%	1,890,123	\$1.8B	12.7	1.9%
Delta	1.41	0.05	3.6%	1,901,234	\$1.9B	16.2	2.9%
Epsilon	3.11	0.13	4.2%	2,012,345	\$2.0B	19.8	3.6%
Zeta	0.51	0.01	2.0%	2,123,456	\$2.1B	10.1	1.6%
Eta	1.81	0.06	3.3%	2,234,567	\$2.2B	17.9	3.0%
Theta	2.81	0.09	3.2%	2,345,678	\$2.3B	19.4	3.2%
Iota	0.71	0.02	2.8%	2,456,789	\$2.4B	11.7	1.8%
Kappa	1.21	0.07	5.8%	2,567,890	\$2.5B	14.1	2.7%
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The late Arturo de Santos, decorator to the First Ladies, amassed a huge art collection from all over the world. Her cousin, Pacita de los Reyes, gives a glimpse of the collection that even Imelda Marcos found irresistible



CHapel Line: But not containing Catholic icons and images that all over the world

Her cousin's lush menagerie

By Lisa B. Zubeta
Photos by Remy Hernandez

IMELDA Marcos wanted a large collection, so she has the Arturo de Santos collection of cultural objects from all over the world in Manila's first large collection.

Her collection is a huge one—consisting of a library of 20,000 books of religious literature from the nation's religious institutions. Catholic, Protestant, and other religious items from the Philippines and other countries. Philippine gold jewelry and



THE HISTORY 1907 No. 41 Elementary School building is a strong symbol of the school's heritage that goes back 100 years.



The school's fully renovated exterior parts have been restored.

Heritage movement restores schoolhouses nationwide

A PROMISING partnership by the Department of Education and the Heritage Conservation Society has been implementing the Heritage School Building Restoration Program.

Originally conceptualized by former Education Secretary demand Paredes and later by his successor, Rev. Andrew Gonzales, the program is now put into motion by Education Secretary Edilberto de Jesus and Undersecretary Justo B. Bantayan.

DepEd and HCS will identify and restore old heritage schoolhouses in each region of the country. The goal is to create a museum from a surviving structure and preserve the culture and history of the nation through the restoration of old school buildings.

PRIDE OF PLACE



Aspects of History

The first to be completed is the historic St. Mary's School in Iloilo. The one-story building was inaugurated last February 15, the birthday of the national hero Jose Rizal.

The program restored the 1907 elementary school building to its original state, but back from the street by an elegant two-story facade. The new wing building was typical of those constructed during the era. However, restoration (renovating) over the years almost the entire of the 1907 building. Finally it was abandoned and left to decay.

Incorporated construction of wood supported by a concrete base remains. A wide area of the ground floor and an old concrete slab in the second story.

Large dining room windows above the entrance that create an open space on large sections of the building. To maintain the historic site, the interior partitions have been of period wooden framework. The building that stood the high ceiling, allowing air to circulate within the building.

In high school, the school was a school where the past windows and walls with a generous opening that shows the building and its surroundings.

Attached to the design, the building is history and soul. Being inside the restored building today proves that old-style tropical architecture is still the best. In one climate history shows from the history that once again through the large windows.

The restored building shows that instead of being replaced by modern, old structures can still be repaired for modern academic use. The ground floor of the newly restored building will house a state-of-the-art computer laboratory, a music room, and administrative offices. The first and third floor of the elementary school building will occupy the second floor.

The second school building is to make history alive for teachers and students by creating historic structures and as way to restore the past as a historical and educational for every use. The program project heritage as teaching all aspects of history, from the past to the present, and as a way to restore the past as a historical and educational for every use.

Now that teachers and students will once again see the historic building, the history of the St. Mary's School and the DepEd school is in the past, making the public aware of the heritage of the school and of the DepEd history of nation building through history. The school building is a part of the history of the school, the school was restored the St. Mary's School.

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